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Cause determined in student's death

By MARJIE KOSMAN
MANAGING EDITOR

Questions about the death of Dustin McCurdy, a 22-year-old broadcasting major who died Jan. 23, are slowly being answered.

A preliminary autopsy report was released Wednesday. Nodaway County Coroner Tom Scarbrough and a forensic pathologist have ruled the cause of death to be an "overwhelming viral infection which caused a cardiac arrhythmia," or a stoppage of the heart. Meningitis was ruled out as a cause of death, and drugs and alcohol were not involved.

Eighty-five people gathered Tuesday night to remember McCurdy at a memorial service in the Student Union Ballroom. The service included his parents, roommates and girlfriend, Kim Kajok, sharing memories of McCurdy.

Words like energetic, caring, fun-loving and successful were mentioned throughout the service amid tearful farewells and emotional

stories.

Roommate Colin Ricci shared one of his favorite memories of McCurdy, recalling an argument the housemates had gotten into.

"Dustin came to us with a tear in his eye, gave each of us a hug and told us he loved us," Ricci said.

Story after story painted a picture of a busy, outgoing and funny man who made the people around him happy.

"Dustin was the true definition of a leader," Kajok said.

Kajok and McCurdy met a year ago at KDLX, where they both worked. After offering her a ride home, McCurdy invited Kajok to a party.

"We were hooked from that point on," Kajok said. "It's not a very romantic story, but it's very important to me."

Kajok remembers her boyfriend as a selfless person who was involved in



DUSTIN
MCCURDY
1978-2001

more than just broadcasting. He also played drums for a band in Massena, Iowa, called 4th and Main, worked part-time at O'Reilly's Auto Parts and always made time for the people he cared about.

"He was a peacekeeper," Kajok said. "He cared about everyone around him and he wanted the best for everyone."

Grieving is made easier knowing that McCurdy lived his life to the fullest, Kajok said.

"The easiest part is knowing that he fulfilled his life, he was always happy, and he died in peace," Kajok said. "He never struggled, and he was loved by everybody. That's what everybody wants in life, but he achieved it at a very young age."

Although physically gone, Kajok said she still sees signs that McCurdy is around.

McCurdy had a habit of burning candles while he studied or slept, Kajok said.

"I looked in his room at four in the afternoon the day after he died and there was one candle burning," Kajok said. "He had always saved a candle for me to blow out. It was sitting there, and I tried blowing it out and on the third try, it finally went out. My mom said 'that was Dustin saying let me go, I'm here.' That impacted me so much. He was there, watching over me. I know that now."

"I thought I was going to go through this alone, but now I know that he's with me. I think my healing process might be a little faster because he's here, giving me little symbols."

A bell ringing for McCurdy will take place at 11 a.m. Friday at the Bell of '48.

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What is an arrhythmia?

An arrhythmia is an abnormal heart rhythm that can cause the heart to pump less effectively. Normally, the heartbeat starts in the right atrium when a special group of cells sends an electrical signal. This signal spreads throughout the atria and to the atrioventricular node. The A-V node connects to a group of fibers in the ventricles that conduct the electric signal. The impulse travels down these specialized fibers to all parts of the ventricles. This exact route must be followed for the heart to pump properly.

What causes arrhythmias?

- When the heart's natural pacemaker develops an abnormal rate or rhythm.
- When the normal conduction pathway is interrupted.
- When another part of the heart takes over as pacemaker.

What are the symptoms of an arrhythmia?

Most people have felt their heart beat very fast, experienced a fluttering in their chest, or noticed that their heart skipped a beat. Almost everyone has also felt dizzy, faint, or out of breath or had chest pains at one time or another. These experiences may cause anxiety, but for the majority of people they are completely harmless. You should not panic if you experience a few flutters or your heart races occasionally. But if you have questions about your heart rhythm or symptoms, check with your doctor.

Source: American Heart Association webpage

City Manager resigns, prepares for career change

Angerer thanks council members, takes job at University of Tennessee

By LAURA PEARL
CHIEF REPORTER

After six years serving rural Missouri government, Maryville City Manager David Angerer is looking for a change of pace.

Angerer presented a letter announcing his resignation at a special City Council meeting Friday, thanking council members for support.

"I want to express my appreciation to each of the 10 members of the City Council I have been privileged to work with since 1994," Angerer said. "Each was a mentor who provided me with the guidance and direction so essential to a city manager's professional growth."

Angerer said he accepted the position of municipal management consultant with the University of Tennessee last week.

He will be working with the Institute of Public Service, which provides a link between government and business.

As a municipal management consultant, Angerer said he will be assigned a number of cities in a particular region to work with.

Although Angerer will work from an office in Jackson, Tenn., he said he is looking forward to the prospect of choosing where to live, within the region.

"I usually prefer smaller communities," Angerer said. "I'm kind of a small-town guy."

Angerer said he heard about the job opportunity in November, through a newsletter from the International City Management Association, and his first interview was in December.

Four factors entered into his decision to accept the position, Angerer said.

The office looked like a wonderful place to work, based on his initial impressions, and he would like to become part of a team environment.

"I don't have any pre-conceived ideas of how things will be done," Angerer said.

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The variety and increased salary of the new position attracted Angerer, but a decreased profile in the public eye was the primary appeal of the job, he said.

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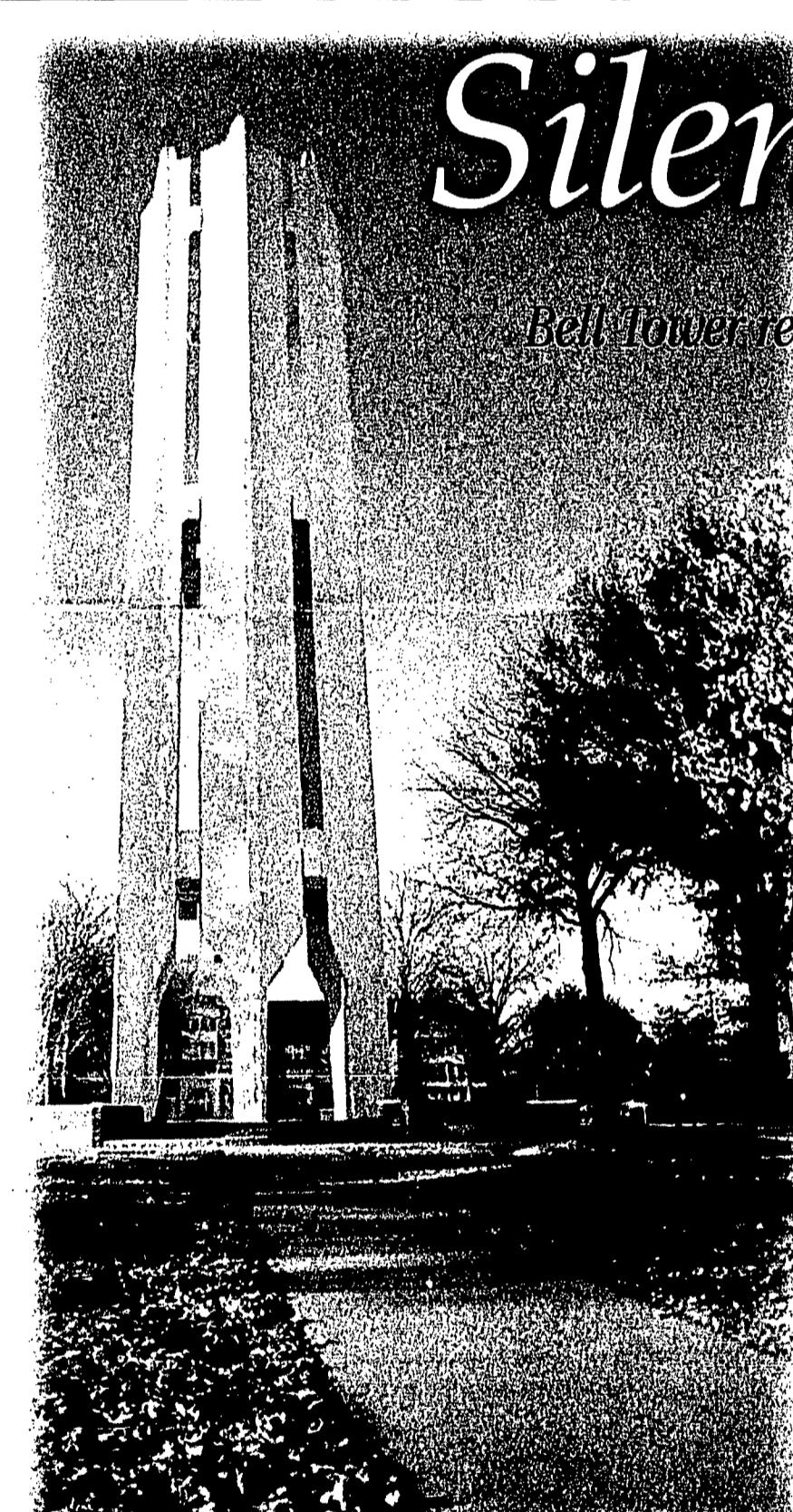
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Silent Symbol

Bell Tower remains quiet 30 years after construction

Story by Danny Burns, Daily Online Editor

At the center of campus, it's been a meeting place for Northwest students for 30 years, a witness to vigils, marches and demonstrations. Some didn't even want it. But this now tired icon of the University, the Bell Tower, remains silent and rusted as officials explore options for renovation.

"We're looking for the most appropriate equipment and location," said Nancy Baker, grants/risks management analyst. "We'll make the system operational as soon as possible."

In September 1971 the construction of the Bell Tower was completed. It skies 100 feet into the air and can ring or play music at various times.

The Bell Tower's construction was sporadic as labor unions struck and the University looked for the lowest construction bid. Popular opinion around campus ran against the construction of the Bell Tower. Many questioned the value and necessity of an investment that totaled more than \$80,000. But eventually the Bell Tower was completed and students and staff began to realize how important the landmark would become.

"When the Bell Tower went up, it became a meeting place at the center of campus and was used quite a bit," President Emeritus Robert Foster said. "We had a variety of music that could be played, but many people feel like I do and are disappointed the Bell Tower isn't functioning. It really adds to the life of the campus."

Originally, music played at 7:45 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Then, on the hour, the Bell Tower rang. But during ren-

"I believe the Bell Tower is part of Northwest's history and it should be revived."

LEON HARDEN III

UNDECIDED MAJOR

"I think they really need to clean up the Bell Tower as well as restore the music," said Daniel Berkland, secondary education/earth science major. "It would be nice to hear it ring again."

This belief is not uncommon.

"I believe the Bell Tower is part of Northwest's history and it should be revived," said Leon Harden III, undecided major.

University officials could give no estimate as to when the Bell Tower's renovations would be completed. Baker said the Office of the Vice President for Finance and Support Services has had difficulty deciding where the funding should be taken from to cover the costs of additional equipment.

"I believe President Hubbard will get the Bell Tower ringing again if there are adequate funds available," said Foster. "He's done a good job with renovations in the past."

The Bell Tower still looms over campus, a witness to rich history and a meeting place for some. It stands rusted and tired, waiting for a much-needed helping hand.

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'Godspell' hits stage

By MARK HORNICKEL
EDITOR IN CHIEF

For 30 years, the Grammy-winning musical, "Godspell," has inspired audiences of many ages and will soon bring its magic to Northwest.

The Broadway show will begin at 7:30 p.m. tonight at the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center.

"Godspell" is a modern retelling of the Gospel according to Matthew, highlighted by music, mime comedy and slapstick.

The show also depicts many well-known parables such as the Good Samaritan and the Prodigal Son, along with stories of Jesus' life.

The score features modern influences of rock, gospel and ragtime with recognizable pop hits like "Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord," "Save the People" and the No. 1 Billboard hit "Day by Day."

Award-winning composer Steven Schwartz wrote the lyrics and music

for "Godspell" in 1971, and he later won two Grammys for the show.

The production originally opened off Broadway on May 17, 1971. It attracted sold-out audiences and ran for five years before moving to Broadway's Ambassador Theatre on June 22, 1976, where it stayed for 527 performances.

The musical has also achieved popularity internationally. A London production opened in 1971 and ran nearly three years.

"It's a high energy show with a powerful message that bridges across different groups of people," said Bryan Vanosdale, director of campus activities. "It features a strong cast and has achieved great success on the road."

Tickets are \$18, \$16 and \$14 and are available at the Student Services Center located on the first floor of the Administration of the Building.

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PHOTO COURTESY OF PHOENIX PRODUCTIONS
Cast members of the musical "Godspell" perform the song "It's All For the Best." The musical about the gospel according to Matthew will take the stage at 7:30 p.m. tonight at Mary Linn Performing Arts Center.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THURSDAY

- Blood Mobile, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., United Methodist Church.
- CLEP, GED and MAT tests, 7:50 a.m.
- "Godspell," 7:30 p.m., Mary Linn Performing Arts Center
- ABC Hall of Fame, second floor Student Union

FRIDAY

- Groundhog Day
- CLEP, GED and MAT tests, 7:50 a.m.

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MONDAY

- Re-certification of Private Pesticide License Program, 7 p.m., Northwest Vo-Tech School
- Constitution Day (Mexico)
- Last date for 25 percent refund for dropped trimester courses or withdrawal
- Peter Pinnell Pottery Exhibit opens, DeLuce Gallery

TUESDAY

- Love & Logic Parent Workshop, 7 p.m., Middle School Media Center

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SATURDAY

- Show Choir and Jazz Festival, 5:30 p.m., Mary Linn Performing Arts Center
- Men's Breakfast, 8 a.m., First Christian Church
- Atchison County Steer Weigh Day, 9 a.m., Rock Port fairgrounds

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SUNDAY

- Newman Pancake Breakfast, 8 a.m., Newman Center

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WEDNESDAY

- Tutoring, Agape, 3:15 p.m., United Methodist Church

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THURSDAY

- Lab Series: "Pandora Awake," 7:30 p.m., Charles Johnson Theatre

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Do a little dance



Technical theater major Melissa Ough struts her stuff while under the hypnosis of Jim Wand Saturday at Mary Linn Performing Arts Center. Wand, who comes to Northwest annually and always has the crowd in a frenzy, made people think they were 'N Sync and Britney Spears.'

PHOTO BY JOHN PETROVIC/PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR

Services to about 60 percent of the county's citizens.

Campaign chair Mike Zech said funds are coming in, but he expects agencies will receive full funding this year.

The fund-raising goal for 2001 was set for \$90,000. Energizer served as a pace setter for this year's campaign, contributing \$12,103. The amount raised so far is about \$85,000.

"In deciding which agencies to help, we don't look at just need," information coordinator Nancy Baxter said. "We often look at the number of young people being served by the agencies."

Baxter said United Way chooses agencies that would not exist without help. Agencies wanting support submit an allocation request to United Way in March and decisions about which agencies the organization will help are made by July.

Pre-enrollment offered at kindergarten roundup

Kindergarten Roundup for the 2001-2002 school year at Eugene Field Elementary School will take place Feb. 5-9.

Kindergarten Roundup is a way for pre-kindergarten children to sample the school environment before becoming permanent students. Parents are not only able to see if their children are ready for this step, they can also pre-enroll their children in school at the program. Early enrollment allows adequate time for parents to prepare for needed school supplies.

To enroll students into the program, some qualifications must be met before they will be allowed to attend. The child must be at least 5 years old prior to August 1. The child must also have an immunization record with at least four shots to be eligible for the program. The fee for the program is \$20.

Advocates for the program recommend that if you know someone who has a child that will be of kindergarten age, to please notify them and urge them to pre-enroll at this time.

Free cancer screenings available for area women

The Missouri Department of Health is offering free cervical cancer screenings for Missouri women 18 years and older. Patients must meet certain income guidelines and are not eligible for other medical assistance.

The risks of cervical cancer are closely linked to sexual behavior and sexually transmitted infections. Women who have had sex at an early age or who have had many sexual partners are at a higher risk of developing cancer.

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MY VIEW

Editor stands by paper's opinion, asks for students' help



MARK HORNICKEL
EDITOR IN CHIEF

One of the main purposes of an editorial is to get a reaction and somehow cause a change. Last week, we were successful.

Within hours after *The Missourian* were distributed throughout campus and delivered to subscribers' doors, we began receiving phone calls and e-mails about our view of campus entertainment, some are shown on this page.

Now, we're hoping to push for a change, but it's going to take some help from you, our readers.

I spent some time with Bryan Vanosdale, director of campus activities, Monday afternoon discussing some of the problems that Northwest faces in trying to attract large acts to Maryville.

Vanosdale addressed many of the things mentioned in *The Missourian's* article, and everything can be traced to a lack of funds for campus activities.

Campus Activities operates on a budget of \$86,000 annually. For two performances by David Spade in the fall of 1997, the expenses totaled about \$35,000. That same year, Campus Activities spent about \$44,000 to bring country singer Bryan White to Northwest, in addition to lightning and sound equipment that had to be rented for his show. Those two acts took up almost the entire Campus Activities budget.

Unfortunately for smaller schools with tight budgets like Northwest, the marketplace for campus activities is changing quickly. For example, to bring David Spade back

to Northwest would cost about \$60,000 today.

We stated in last week's article that Mary Linn is not fit for large rock concerts. Vanosdale backed that fact up, and said the total cost for a band with a base fee of \$40,000 would increase to \$55,000 after additional costs for equipment, food, advertising and hotel rooms are added.

Last week's view was never an attack on Vanosdale or the Campus Activities office, and we are standing behind our opinion. We offered solutions and an obvious choice continues to be the implementation of an activity fee.

Northwest and Missouri Western State College are the only schools in Missouri without an activity fee. But it's not something Vanosdale can order the Board of Regents to pass. The students must speak.

For the next two weeks, *The Missourian Online* (www.nwmissouri.edu/missourian/) is featuring a poll, and we're encouraging students to voice their opinions.

"If students want a student activity fee, that's going to have to come from the student body," Vanosdale said. "It's going to have to be something that an overwhelming majority of the students are going to have to step forward and say, 'we want more money devoted to larger acts to be brought to campus."

Please don't give *The Missourian* staff motivation to publish its opinion on student apathy next week.

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Maryville resident gives feedback, offers new ideas for campus entertainment



"Several of us have been discussing the article and we agree 100 percent with everything you say in your article ... I would be willing to pay more money for fairly big names. If they wanted to have somebody that's not really famous, there's a lot of new acts out there that are trying to start and want recognition. Maybe they wouldn't charge near as much as some of the big acts ... They've had some great entertainment out there as far as country. I don't

know how they came out money-wise, but I do know the other guy here, who is gone now, that brought all of those other acts in, he was not even into country music. He didn't even know who the stars were, but he did a fantastic job researching and bringing in those great acts. We had family and friends come in from out of town and it was something that people really enjoyed, and I know they had a really good turnout."

YOUR VIEW

Would you be willing to pay a student activity fee?



"I would be willing to pay \$20 extra because I don't pay for it, my parents do. I think it would benefit students here to have other activities."

Ashley Brewster
Deciding major



"Heck yeah. I would be willing to pay at least \$25 extra because I feel that we need to liven up this campus more. Bring in somebody like Skynyrd."

Brian Howard
Corporate Wellness major



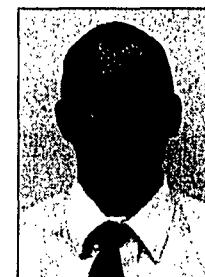
"As long as they bring decent bands and comedians, I think it'd be okay. If the extra cost of tickets are minimum, I'd be willing to pay."

Matt Spina
Business major



"I don't think it would be right for everyone to be charged a fee, but I would pay more money for tickets if a good show was offered."

Heather Hainline
Education major



"I think that paying an entertainment fee would be well worth the money."

Jeremy Wohlford
Psychology major

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Questions? Comments about *The Northwest Missourian*? Story idea? We would like to hear from you. If you do not find the person you need on the right, please contact Marjie Kosman at 660-562-1224, by fax at 660-562-1521, by e-mail at NorthwestMissourian@hotmail.com or write us at 800 University Drive, Wells Hall 6, Maryville, MO 64468.

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Letters are limited to 250 words due to space constraints. All letters must be signed; students should include their major. *The Missourian* reserves the right to edit all letters.

OUR VIEW

Telemarketers

Attorney General Jay Nixon gives people a reason to cheer when it comes to telemarketers.

Most people have seen *The Simpsons* episode where Homer buys the AutoDialer 9000 and pesters everybody in Springfield with his telemarketing schemes.

Homer's machine calls day or night, and if you hung up on it, it called right back — like telemarketers — of today.

We have all had experiences with telemarketers and their untimely calls, but chances are none of us do anything but hang up the phone, or tell the telemarketer we are not interested.

Other things can be done and should be done to take care of this problem. If you do not want anymore calls from the company tell them to take you off their list and by the Telephone Consumer Protection Act of 1991 they have to accept your request.

Keep a list handy because if they do call you back, all you have to do is report them to the Federal Commerce Commission and you may sue them for as much as \$1,500.

As the United States continues to grow, www.callomni.com estimates nearly 265,000 companies will be using telemarketing for advertising by 2002. On top of that, those same statistics estimate that overall consumer penetration of telemarketing adds up to an unbelievable 47.5 million households.

To combat these numbers, Missouri Attorney General Jay Nixon has launched a Web site and toll-free hotline to deal with the pestering calls.

All you have to do is go to www.moago.org and sign your name to the form at no cost.

We all can agree that telemarketing is annoying. Nobody likes a telemarketing call. They call during dinner, they even call on Sunday evenings. With Nixon's plan, maybe we can finally get a day of rest from these leeches.

Nixon has promised that names placed on the list will stop receiving calls on July 1. The plan is not perfect though because there are exceptions to the rule. It seems there are always exceptions to the rule these days.

Telephone companies can call, as well as non-profit groups. Those with a current business relationship and companies you give your phone number to through forms can also call.

Although there are exceptions, this law will do a great job at reducing these calls, and giving *Missourians* some relief from the calls. The law is a step in the right direction. If you fail to sign up in time, you can always use alternative messages such as speaking in foreign languages or acting like the telemarketer is a long lost friend and you recognize his voice:

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Alumni offers insight on campus entertainment

Dear editor,

As an alumni, I couldn't help but read with interest the editorial about CAPS, or Spotlight, or whatever that organization calls itself now.

I was there in 1995 when the arena was full with Violent Femmes fans, and I watched with dismay as the talent brought to Northwest steadily declined over the span of my college career. It bothered me so much, I joined the club to try and make a difference.

I found out pretty quickly the club has no say whatsoever in the spending of money. The only time I can fully remember even being offered a choice is when we watched a video of a dismal comedy troupe, which we rejected. The other times it was more or less forced on the group. I can remember the surprise of other members when, suddenly, we had "this person" signed up to perform. I quit the organization shortly after being elected chairman of special events, due to being snowed over repeatedly and feeling I was wasting my time. I had assumed the students got to choose their entertainment, but I was wrong.

Mr. Vanosdale was present at maybe one of the meetings I attended. For the brief time I was a member, the only contact with him was through a grad student aide, I believe. I do know he is a busy person, but the group deals with a large amount of money and one would think the leader would attend a meeting of the students interested in helping.

On the bright side, I did enjoy tearing tickets at the gate, which seemed to be the only reason to be in CAPS. I was able to see Brian White, which brought a full house, and even David Spade, who was a jerk behind the scenes but nonetheless entertaining. I believe he didn't sell as well as predicted.

Maybe things have changed since I left CAPS, but I think it's obvious the students aren't choosing "Footloose, the Musical" or anything else that has been brought recently. This seems to be a problem with the administration, spending student money, for what they want. I think the students should get the say.

STEVEN ADAMS
2000 GRADUATE

■ For more letters to the editor go to www.nwmissouri.edu/missourian

CORRECTIONS

■ In the Jan. 25 issue of *The Missourian*, the number of students who participated in the choral division of the Four-State Music Festival was incorrectly stated as 28. The correct number of students should have been 128.

■ In the Jan. 25 issue, *The Missourian* reported that Dustin McCurdy had worked for KDLX since his freshman year. He had worked for the station since his junior year.

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Snow hazardous for drivers, removal crew

Weather mess means long work hours for University workers

By SARA SITZMAN
UNIVERSITY NEWS EDITOR

The snowflakes that flutter down to create a sheer blanket over the land bring a sense of calming to some, but to the Northwest Environmental Services crew it signals that it is time to get to work.

With 11 miles of roads and sidewalks, and approximately 40 parking lots around campus, clearing the snow can be a monstrous task.

"It's a whole departmental effort to get it done," said Jeff Barlow, director of Environmental Services. "It's just a matter of keep plugging away."

Every building has a minimum of two entrances, and the main objective is to get one primary way out of the building, Barlow said. A crew of 10 people sweep off snow on the steps of buildings, beginning with high usage areas like the Administration Building.

"You can get literally anywhere, you just have to choose your path," Barlow said. "There's always a way to every building."

Clearing the snow is made easier with the use of specialized equipment. The crew has two motorized brooms used on sidewalks, motorized graders and four trucks with blades to help clear parking lots, and two spreaders to scatter ice melt.

With blowing snow and temperatures below zero, ice melt is not



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Justin Hutchens, a 5th-grader at St. Gregory's Catholic School, shovels the driveway with his dad Mark at North Buchanan and West 11th streets. "I don't really mind shoveling the snow or the cold, it's kinda fun," Justin said.

always effective. Instead of melting the entire section of ice, it melts straight down and leaves holes, Barlow said. Such circumstances are taken into consideration when faced with other weather-related problems.

"Sometimes we have to decide if we should leave the snow because of the ice underneath," Barlow said.

If the snow continues into the evening, Barlow said a skeleton crew will work into the night. Cots

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Maryville crews work to clear icy roads, Dept. of Transportation provides updates

By TRISHA THOMPSON
COMMUNITY NEWS EDITOR

A recent storm brought snow and ice as well as hazardous driving conditions to the Maryville area.

Maryville's road conditions during Sunday's snow storm were "partly snow-covered" at 9 a.m. and were evaluated as "snow-covered and hazardous" at 2 p.m.

Accidents increased during snow conditions Sunday and Monday but not to the extent of the first storm of the season, said Keith Wood, director of Public Safety.

"Usually as the season progresses the number of accidents per storm decrease because people get more accustomed to driving in it," Wood said.

This winter's storms have lasted for several days and the city has done a good job of keeping streets clear, Wood said.

"The general public doesn't have any idea the kind of hours they put in to keep the streets clear," Wood said.

Residents can obtain road conditions for interstate or state highways in Missouri by calling 1-888-ASK-MODOT, a 24-hour customer service hotline provided by the Missouri Department of Transportation.

Information provided on the hotline comes from data collected by road crews in 10 districts throughout a 12-county area. Road conditions are evaluated at 6:30 a.m., 11 a.m., 3 p.m. and 11 p.m. during adverse weather conditions.

The department also monitors weather conditions using a weather satellite system.

Road conditions are rated as dry, snow-covered, icy, wet or partially covered. Roads are monitored by crews with definite criteria in which to gauge road conditions. During snow emergencies, the department works around-the-clock to provide updated information.

Residents can also call the hotline with concerns such as dead animals in the road, potholes or other driving hazards. Upon request, people can receive maps and the status of construction projects.

The department has two full-time employees who receive incoming customer service calls and enter data into the computer system.

As soon as a call comes in, data is entered into the computer and the proper building is notified of the problem immediately, said Margaret Justus, community relations coordinator for the department.

The Department of Transportation has begun to utilize the Intelligent Transportation Systems, which consists of a sensor built into the pavement of the Highway 36 bridge and crosses over 10th Street in St. Joseph. The sensor submits data to a computer of the pavement temperature and the condition of the road—icy, dry or snow-covered.

Wood said other sources for road conditions include radio and television stations.

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Assistance available for energy costs

By TRISHA THOMPSON
COMMUNITY NEWS EDITOR

Soaring heating bills are freezing many residents' pocketbooks but some local assistance is available.

One reason energy costs are increasing is because the cost of wholesale natural gas has quadrupled during the last year. Another factor is higher demand due to cold winter weather.

Joan Ray, manager of Parkway Terrace Apartments, said she pays the utility bill for the building. The 48-apartment complex runs on natural gas heating and last month's bill was \$6,000.

"We may have to raise rent an extra \$25 a month," Ray said.

Shannon Mahoney, who lives in a two-bedroom apartment, also suffers from high heating bills. She said her last bill was \$317.

"It should not be that high," Mahoney said. "It's almost as much as one month's rent."

Community Services Incorporated executive director David Bell said an additional \$113,796 to expand the Energy Crisis Intervention program will help people pay winter utility bills.

The amount of monetary aid given depends upon the family size and annual income, with a maximum amount of aid set at \$600.

Contact the Energy Crisis Intervention Program at 582-3113 for more information.

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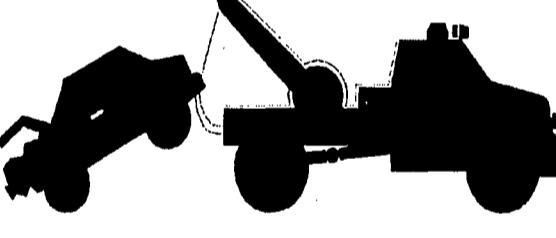
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PUBLIC SAFETY

Jan. 18

■ An officer received a report from a Maryville business in the 1600 block of South Main that a male and female individual had purchases commonly used in the production of methamphetamine.

Jan. 23

■ An officer received a report from a business in the 1600 block of South Main, that a male individual had passed two bad checks at their business.

■ Officers conducted a search warrant at a residence in the 600 block of North Prairie. Four males and three females were transported to Nodaway County Jail on a 20-hour investigative hold.

Jan. 24

■ An officer received a report from a Maryville male that someone had taken a tap from her residence in the 300 block of West First.

■ Officers received a report from a business in the 1600 block of South Main that an individual had purchased items commonly used for methamphetamine. The individuals were located in the 1200 block of South Main. Two males were transported to Nodaway County Jail on an investigative hold.

■ Anthony Ferguson's, 19, Maryville, was parked on the side of the street. Rosetta Solheim, 56, Maryville, was traveling east on East Second. Ferguson proceeded into traffic, striking Solheim's vehicle. Ferguson was issued a citation for failure to yield to oncoming traffic.

Jan. 25

■ An officer assisted Liquor Control in the 300 block of North Market. Amy Milbourn, 18, Maryville, was issued a summons for under 19 in a bar.

■ While at Nodaway County Jail, an officer was given a blue Kolcraft bag that was found in the 500 block of North Market.

■ Officers received a report of loud music from a business in the 400 block of North Buchanan. Matthew R. Nalveanko, 25, was issued a summons for permitting a peace

Jan. 27 ■ An officer a report from a

disturbance.

■ An officer assisted Liquor Control in the 300 block of North Market. Julie Ritzman, 18, Omaha, Neb., was issued a summons for under 19 in a bar.

■ An officer received a report of indecent exposure from a Maryville female in the 600 block of North Buchanan. Steven Robertson, 35, Maryville, was issued a summons for indecent exposure.

Jan. 26 ■ An officer received a report from a business in the 100 block of East Fourth that a male individual had failed to return rental property.

■ Michelle Peterson-Liechti, 33, Hopkins, was waiting in her vehicle in the entrance of a private drive to enter the 100 block of South Ave. Shannon Ebrecht, 21, Bedford, Iowa, was westbound in the 100 block of East South Ave., attempting to turn into the private drive. Ebrecht's vehicle slid into Peterson-Liechti's vehicle. Peterson-Liechti was issued a citation for failure to show financial responsibility.

■ Roy Greer, 56, Maryville, was stopped in his vehicle at a stop sign in a private drive. Eric Bradley, 20, Overland Park, Kan., was attempting to stop when he struck Greer's vehicle in the rear.

■ Corey Hutton, 32, Maryville, was traveling in his vehicle through a private lot when he failed to yield to Nicole Gottsch, 20, Maryville, striking her vehicle on the driver's side.

■ While on patrol on West Seventh, an officer observed a vehicle approaching the intersection of Seventh and Walnut at a high rate of speed. The vehicle slid through the intersection, turning sideways. The driver was identified as Michael Petit, 19, Maryville. While speaking with him, an odor of intoxicants was detected. He was asked to perform field sobriety tests, which he could not successfully complete. He was arrested for driving while intoxicated after his blood alcohol content tested over the legal limit. He was also issued a citation for careless and imprudent driving.

■ An officer received a report from a Maryville female that her ex-husband had verbally assaulted her. The case was forwarded to the Prosecutor's office.

Maryville female that someone had broken the window out of her car while it was parked in the 2000 block of East First.

■ Maryville Fire Division provided mutual aid assistance for the Tri-County Volunteer Fire Department at a structure fire in the 39000 block of State Highway 18.

■ While on patrol in the 200 block of West Seventh, an officer observed a vehicle traveling eastbound that was partially in the westbound lane. The driver of the vehicle was identified as Kelly M. McMahon, 19, Maryville. While speaking with him, an odor of intoxicants was detected. He was asked to perform field sobriety tests, which he could not successfully complete. He was arrested for driving while intoxicated after his blood alcohol content tested over the legal limit. He was also issued a citation for failure to keep to right side of roadway.

■ While on patrol at Third and Main, an officer observed a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed. The vehicle was stopped in the 100 block of East Sixth. The driver of the vehicle was identified as Kevin V. Custer, 21, Lincoln, Neb. While speaking with him, an odor of intoxicants was detected. He was asked to perform field sobriety tests, which he could not successfully complete. He was arrested for driving while intoxicated after his blood alcohol content tested over the legal limit. He was also issued a citation for careless and imprudent driving.

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Jan. 28 ■ While on patrol on North Mulberry, an officer observed a vehicle fail to stop at a stop sign at Mulberry and 16th. The driver was identified as Christopher E. Zaner, 23, Maryville. While speaking with him, an odor of intoxicants was detected. He was asked to perform field sobriety tests which he could not successfully complete. He was arrested for driving while intoxicated after his blood alcohol content tested over the legal limit. He was also issued a citation for careless and imprudent driving.

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■ While on patrol on North Walnut, an officer observed a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed. The driver of the vehicle was identified as Patrick R. O'Hair, 18, Maryville. While speaking with him, an odor of intoxicants was detected. He was asked to perform field sobriety tests, which he could not successfully complete. He was arrested for driving while intoxicated after his blood alcohol content tested over the legal limit. He was also issued a citation for exceeding the posted speed limit.

■ Joshua Redford, 16, Maryville, had turned off in his vehicle of South Main onto East Edwards. Redford lost control and left the roadway, striking the front steps of a house.

Jan. 29 ■ While in the 600 block of North Buchanan, an officer observed a male individual in a vehicle drink from what appeared to be a beer bottle. Eric C. Agayos, 34, Weatherby Lake, Mo., was issued a summons for open container.

■ Kevin Reeves, 21, Maryville, was northbound on North College Drive approaching West 16th. Kodi Calfee, 22, Burlington Junction, failed to stop at the stop sign due to road conditions and slid into the intersection. Calfee struck Reeves.

Jan. 30 ■ An officer towed a white Ford Thunderbird that was blocking vehicles from entering the city parking lot in the 200 block of East Third. The vehicle was towed by Walker's.

Jan. 31 ■ While on patrol in the 300 block of East Fifth, an officer observed a vehicle westbound in the eastbound lane. The vehicle was stopped in the 100 block of West Fifth. The driver of the vehicle was identified as Richard Flanagan, 70, Maryville. While speaking with him, an odor of intoxicants was detected. He was asked to perform some field sobriety tests, which he refused to complete. He was arrested for driving while intoxicated after his blood alcohol content tested over the legal limit. He was also issued a citation for careless and imprudent driving.

DEATHS

Paul Owens

Paul Owens, 92, Hopkins, died Jan. 24 at Parkdale Manor Nursing Home in Maryville.

He was born March 6, 1908, to Leonard and Millie Owens in Hopkins.

He is survived by one son, Robert; four daughters, Emma Pruitt, Linda Younger, Rosalea Kelley and Carla Taylor; one sister, Eula Crane; 16 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Services were Saturday at Price Funeral Home in Maryville.

BIRTHS

Mason Andrew Kelmel

Angela and Kevin Kelmel are the parents of Mason Andrew, born Jan. 23 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He weighed 9 pounds, 2 ounces, and joins a brother, Zachary.

His grandparents are Lyle and Linda Scott, Maryville; Jack and Sherry Shackelford, Blockton, Iowa; Tom and Donna Key, Burlington Junction, and Terry and Cecilia Kelmel, Maryville.

His great-grandparents are Zelma Shackelford, Maryville, and Mima Sanders, Dennison, Texas.

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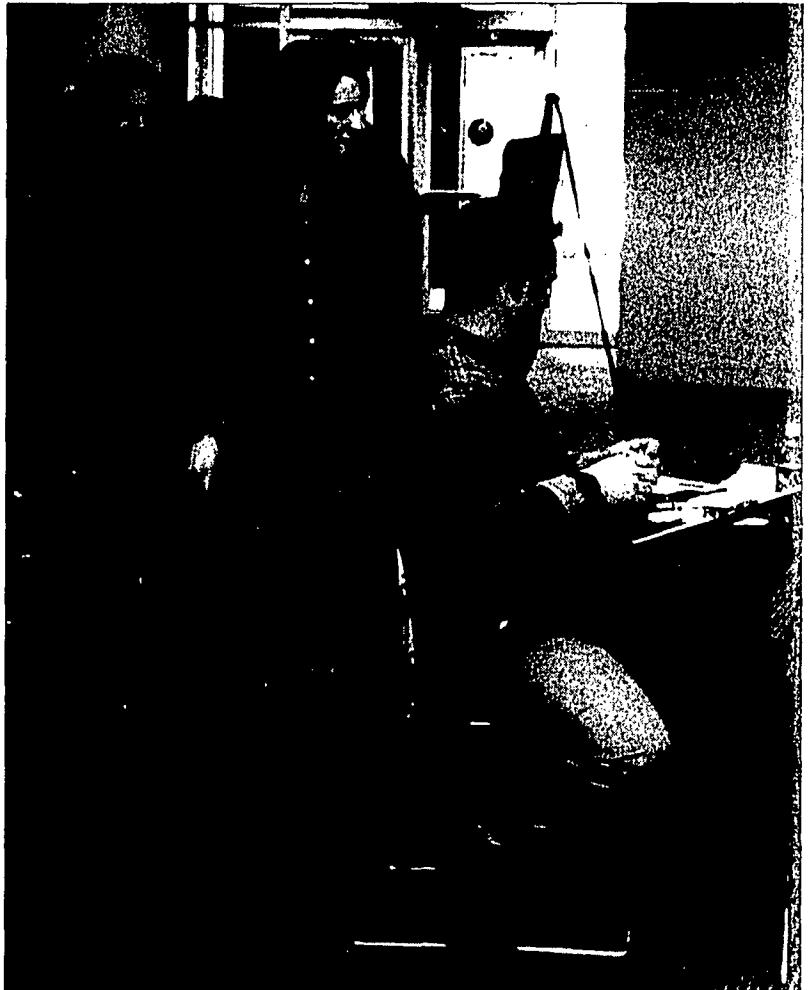


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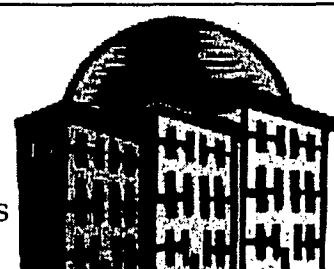
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Tax levy appears on ballot Tuesday

By TRISHA THOMPSON
COMMUNITY NEWS EDITOR

There is less than a week before the tax levy to increase teachers' salaries will appear on the ballot.

A public forum to discuss the tax levy increase will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at the middle school. The forum will consist of a presentation and a question-answer session.

The Board of Education is asking taxpayers of the district to increase the operating levy by 35 cents during Tuesday's vote. If the tax levy is passed, the base teacher pay will increase from \$20,700 to \$23,000.

According to Maryville Citizens For Education, a campaign committee of 15 people, the increase is needed to recruit and retain qualified teachers, provide salaries which are competitive in the area and with similar size schools and maintain the personnel necessary for current programming. The pool of candidates is decreasing and retirement is increasing.

Patty Van Cleave, third grade teacher at Eugene Field Elementary School, said she has her "fingers crossed" that the levy increase will pass.

"The main concern is the future of the school district," Van Cleave said.

Van Cleave said there is quite a few teachers retiring in the next 3-5 years and replacing them may be difficult.

"The bottom line is that people

have to support families," Van Cleave said.

The committee feels the campaign is going well, said Arnold Lindaman, co-chairman of Maryville Citizens for Education.

"We've been well received by groups," Lindaman said.

It is important to continue employing quality teachers in the school district and the tax levy increase will help achieve that goal, said Jayne McVinua, co-chairwoman of Maryville Citizens For Education.

"We've had a lot of positive remarks, but some people are still on the fence," McVinua said.

A levy increase of 25 cents was proposed last April and failed. As a result, five positions were terminated at the elementary school, one at the high school and one at the technical school. In addition, items in various budgets were reduced.

McVinua said if the tax levy does not pass there will be funding cuts on all programs.

The proceeds from the bond issue passed in 1997 were used to build and equip the middle school, the four-room science addition at the high school and the multipurpose room addition at Eugene Field Elementary School.

The last levy increase was approved in 1989 for 80 cents.

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Bomb threat suspect charged with felony

By TRISHA THOMPSON
COMMUNITY NEWS EDITOR

A suspect has been charged in connection with the Jan. 13 bomb threat on the Nodaway County Courthouse.

Alan R. Ulmer, 35, Skidmore, was charged with a class D felony for making a false bomb report.

In accordance with Missouri law, the charge carries a maximum sentence of five years in the Missouri Department of Corrections and a \$5,000 fine.

Ulmer posted bond and is scheduled for arraignment before Judge Glen Dietrich Feb. 27.

At the arraignment, Ulmer will be advised of the charges against him and the range of punishment.

If no lawyer is present, one will be appointed to his case, said David Baird, Nodaway County prosecuting attorney.

The bomb threat caused buildings within a two-block radius of the courthouse to be immediately secured and evacuated as officers searched for an explosive device.

No device was located and the area was determined to be safe.

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Congressman Sam Graves spoke with city officials Monday night during a tour he is calling "Keeping the Promises" and discussed many issues that included transportation infrastructure, agriculture and small business. Graves also stated during the meeting that his Liberty office is open and the St. Joseph office would be opening soon.

Graves sets legislative agenda

By JIMMY MYERS
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

A meeting, with city officials and members of the press, Monday night was Congressman Sam Graves' second stop in Maryville since being sworn in as Representative of Missouri's 6th District last month.

Graves has launched a tour called "Keeping the Promises, Representing your Interests." He outlined his legislative agenda, which focused on transportation infrastructure, agriculture and small business.

"We spent a lot of time visiting our local governments," Graves said. "We talked to a lot of folks and different agencies and came up

"We talked to a lot of folks and different agencies and came up with our legislative agenda."

SAM GRAVES
CONGRESSMAN (R-MO)

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Graves said he narrowed his areas of interest after having seen others in Washington D.C. get "bogged down in 10,000 issues and they never really focus in on anything and it severely hampers what they can do."

Graves said his Liberty office is open and the St. Joseph office

would be in order soon. He currently has a staff of 16 people.

"We've been up and running for three weeks and we haven't even gotten all of our resources in place," Graves said. "We don't have stationery, which creates a lot of problems in trying to get letters out."

Graves said he handed all the files from his state senate days to Republican David Klindt, who filled Graves' position last week.

"As soon as he gets sworn in, he's going to have to get up and running," Graves said. "We've transferred all of the case files over to him and we will help him work through it at least for awhile."

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Fraternity receives advice from mayor

By JUSTIN BUSH
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The stereotype that fraternities are nothing more than a bunch of guys who do not like to do anything but drink and party is being put to an end by Tau Kappa Epsilon.

Mayor Dale Mathes ate dinner and talked with the men of the fraternity Tuesday night about what they could do and become more involved in the community.

Mathes mentioned several different things the TKEs and residents can do to help better Maryville.

"There is that new sports complex on the south side of town," Mathes said. "We need people to help out putting up playground equipment and get the fields ready for this summer. That is our biggest project right now. We also need help clearing parks and campgrounds out at Lake Mozingo."

Mathes said there are people who need assistance.

"There are senior citizens that might need help with yard work or shoveling away the snow in their driveway and sidewalks," Mathes said.

Mathes also answered questions about other topics and events in Maryville.

"When we go out in the community, and not just fraternity guys, but students, we seem to be looked down on some by the rest of the community," TKE member Justin McAleer said. "What can we do to help change that?"

Mathes said students who get involved in the community will be the ones who change that.

"This is the first time that we have had a speaker come," TKE member Shawn Emerson said. "Lately we have been trying to incorporate more community ser-

vices, more philanthropies, and having the mayor come is more outreach to help us get some ideas of areas of need and get more involved in the community."

The TKEs want to prove fraternities are not at all like what is seen in the film "Animal House."

"That is one of the reasons for getting involved in the community," TKE President Jake Akehurst said. "We want to let the average Joe in the town know what a fraternity is and that we are more than just drinkers and partiers. We try to do community services, and we have philanthropies that we donate thousands of dollars to a year. We want to get the message out."

Community members, who have ideas for the TKEs can contact Akehurst at 582-8756.

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Law halts unwanted phone calls

By ANN BRADY
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

A new law initiated by Missouri Attorney General Jay Nixon will allow Maryville residents to prevent telemarketers from calling their homes.

Under the No Call law, residents are able to put their names on a list. If a person's name is on the list, telemarketers cannot call them and telemarketing companies can be fined up to \$5,000 for violating the law.

The state opened registration for the No Call list last month and already 250,083 telephone numbers from Missouri residents are on the list. To join the list, go to <http://www.thekansascitychannel.com>.

Scott Holste, spokesman for the attorney general, said the law was started because people wanted privacy in their homes.

"If people don't want to be disturbed, they should have a mechanism to help them," Holste said. "People have the right to put a 'do not disturb' on their telephone."

Maryville resident Judy Johansen thinks the law is a good idea and would like to be put on the list.

"I know they are trying to do their job, but sometimes they don't take no for an answer," Johansen said. "They also call during supper time."

Maryville resident Terrilynn Wilson also said she receives a lot of telemarketing calls.

"They get annoying after awhile," Wilson said.

Earlier this month, some companies that were exempted from the law were removed such as telephone companies, financial marketers and others selling products on the phone. The only companies allowed to be exempt from the law will be nonprofit organizations doing fund raising.

Holste said under the new law Northwest can make phone calls to talk to potential students and conduct the alumni phone-a-thon because both events fall under the nonprofit category.

Missouri telemarketers are not worried about the new law.

Kevin Weatherspoon of Pinnacle Teleservices said the law will not have much effect on the company. Pinnacle Services calls many people out of state because it is more cost effective.

Telemarketing companies in other states will be affected because they are the people calling the residents of Missouri, Weatherspoon said.

Holste said the law may actually help telemarketing companies. He said they will have an advantage by having a database of consumers who they know are not interested.

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Proposed residential internship program would offer incentives to student teachers

By JIMMY MYERS
CHIEF REPORTER

Northwest education majors may have an opportunity to teach in the Kansas City, Mo., school district and live rent free.

The residential internship program, which has yet to find funding approval, would house students, pay for a semester of student teaching and pay a stipend.

Max Ruhl, dean of the College of Education and Human Services, said Northwest, along with two prospective institutions, University of Missouri-Kansas City and Lincoln University in Jefferson City, will make an effort to fill the void of teachers in Kansas City's urban areas.

"There is a tremendous teacher shortage in many areas," Ruhl said. "This makes it difficult for urban areas where they've always had problems finding the large number of teachers that they have to have."

Jean Bouas, curriculum and instruction department chair, said Northwest started negotiating with the Kansas City School District more than a year ago.

"We indicated that we would like to partner with them so that our students could have experiences in their schools and that we could support their need for teachers," Bouas said.

Bouas said students would be observed once a week and meet with University supervisors once every two weeks for briefings.

Bouas said the difference between the program and traditional student teaching is that a student teacher in the residential internship program would actually be in charge of their classes.

"The mentor will work very closely with the student teacher in the beginning," Bouas said. "The mentor will be in charge of two students and will be present in the school building all day. If there is a problem, the mentor will be there to help."

Bouas said the students would live together in a facility near Trinity Lutheran Hospital.

"We're trying to create a living/learning community," Bouas said. "They meet with their peers, they live with their peers, and so they have a support group."

Provost Tim Gilmour said the funding to run the program would come from Kansas City schools and foundations.

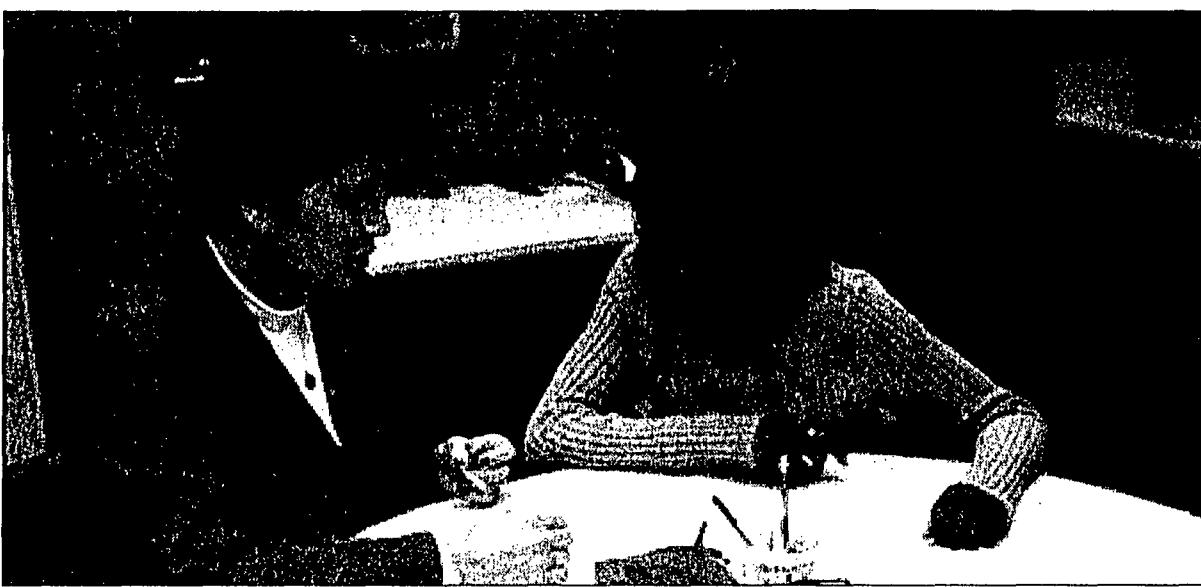
"Basically the foundations will have to decide whether they're going to support the program," Gilmour said. "We're hoping we can settle all of this in the month of February."

Gilmour said the program has evolved through the work of Benjamin Demps, Superintendent of the Kansas City School District, members of his staff, and the Assistant Superintendent Cheri Shanahan and Bouas of Northwest.

Ruhl said the level of cooperation Northwest has had from principals, personnel directors and the central office of administration at the Kansas City, Mo., School District has been very good.

"We feel like we've developed a very good partnership with them, and it's going to result in opportunities for our students that they wouldn't normally have," Ruhl said.

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Anticipating the upcoming Mock Interview Day on Feb. 15, Rosalie Weatherman, assistant director of Career Services, coaches JoVanna Carter on preparing her resume. "It is a great experience for students to practice the real thing," Carter said.

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Career Services prepares students for interviews, improving resumes

By LAURA PEARL
CHIEF REPORTER

The Office of Career Services is providing students with an opportunity to sharpen their skills in the job search and interview processes.

Mock Interview Day will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Feb. 15, on the third floor of the Student Union.

A fall and spring trimester tradition since the spring of 1999, Mock Interview Day will provide students with a chance to participate in practice interviews with potential employers.

Joan Ensminger, director of Career Services, said both corporate and educational employers have volunteered to help with the event since its start.

The reason for the mock interviews originally was that, in visiting with employers about the quality of candidates they were receiving from Northwest, they said these

people needed help with their soft skills, or interview skills," Ensminger said.

Ensminger said many students have little or no interview experience when they come to college.

"We find a lot of the time, students have acquired positions up to date through networking," Ensminger said. "They've many times used connections with friends and family members to gain previous employment."

The interviews will be between 40 and 45 minutes long and will include the actual interview followed by a critique from the employer, Ensminger said.

Interested students need to first bring a copy of their resume to Career Services, Ensminger said.

Cynthia Fohrt, employer relations specialist at Career Services, said students need to make sure they are comfortable with their resumes be-

fore they submit them.

Students who have questions should bring their resumes to Career Services and schedule an appointment to go over resume content and organization, Fohrt said.

Once students are comfortable with their resumes, they can sign up for mock interview sessions with employers in their areas of interest, Fohrt said. This can be done inside the Office of Career Services on the first floor of the Administration Building.

Fohrt said the interviews will take place on a first-come-first-serve basis.

"We advise students to treat this as closely as possible to a real interview," Fohrt said. "It's a valuable networking opportunity, and it's important to treat it as such."

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University celebrates black history

By JIMMY MYERS
CHIEF REPORTER

Northwest will kick off Black History Month Thursday with the opening of the black history hall of fame on the second floor of the Student Union.

Kenneth McCain, president of Alpha Phi Alpha and vice president of the Alliance of Black Collegians, said the two organizations are working together closely to provide quality programs.

"Our main focus was to educate people on African-American culture, heritage and pride," McCain said.

Brandi Hughes, president of ABC, said the hall of fame will consist of a timeline and pictures of important events and people.

"People should know that Black History Month isn't just about Martin Luther King and Frederick Douglass," Hughes said.

McCain said many people were involved in putting the exhibit together, and the pictures came from people's personal files, ABC files, and the Kansas City Black Archives.

ABC will sponsor a game night at 8 p.m. Friday on the second floor of the Union.

"It's just a get together," Hughes said. "We are going to be playing Jenga, dominoes, spades, Uno and other games."

Hughes pointed to three other events — a jazz concert by Galen Abdur-Razzaq at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Union Ballroom, Gospel night with Mildred Whitehorn at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 16, at Mary Linn Performing Arts Center and speaker Cedric Shelby at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 20 in the Union Ballroom.

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Earthquake rattles Northwest students

By JIMMY MYERS
CHIEF REPORTER

Northwest's Indian students may not have felt the tremor but they did feel the fear.

Friday's devastating earthquake in the Gujarat state of India could be felt all over India and neighboring countries.

"I panicked," said Rahul Jain, management information systems major. "I've got relatives in that area and the situation is very, very bad."

Jain said his parents felt the quake in their home in New Delhi, but they are safe.

"They are still feeling the aftershocks," Jain said. "I told me that everything is just plain ground."

Sunil Mehra, management information systems major, said his family lives in Madras in the southern portion of India.

Mehra and Jain said the phone lines were constantly busy the day of the quake.

"I heard the news in the morn-

ing, and I got a hold of my parents in the evening," Mehra said. "It was nearly 15 hours before I spoke to my parents."

Jain said the hours of not knowing about the welfare of their families were very tense.

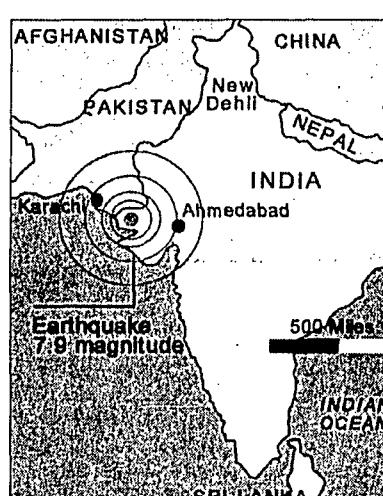
"Everybody was trying to call India to see if their families were OK," Jain said. "It wasn't until evening that I spoke to them."

The cities of Jamnagar, Ahmedabad and Surat were the ones closest to the earthquake's epicenter.

"My parents said everything is shattered," Mehra said.

Jain said he spoke to all of the Indian students at Northwest and everybody's families are safe.

"The earthquake will affect the countries' fiscal expenditures very much," Jain said. "They have to rebuild the whole infrastructure over there, and the expenditures will increase. It will affect the economy in a major, major way."



Reports on the death toll conflict. The government of Gujarat state said 12,000 bodies had been recovered and the death toll was likely to reach 25,000.

India's Defense Minister George Fernandes maintains that the death toll will reach over 100,000.

The quake has been estimated to have damaged India to the tune of \$5.5 billion.

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Electronic portfolio class teaches students resource organization

By JACLYN MAUCK
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Almost 120 students are receiving one free-credit hour for participating in a pilot program and creating their own electronic portfolios.

Students from eight freshman seminar sections were first introduced to the electronic portfolio in the fall of 2000. Their advisers volunteered them to participate in a pilot program.

Because seminar curriculum was already in place, teachers did not have the time necessary to incorporate the portfolio into their classes. Rather than asking students to continue work on their own time, the University offered students a class free of charge to help them organize their electronic portfolio.

Approximately 50 percent of the freshmen decided to continue their endeavor with electronic portfolios. Another 58 family and consumer sciences transfer students also enrolled in the class.

"It became apparent that students would not voluntarily work on portfolios on their own," said Gary Ury, director of the Electronic Portfolio Pilot Project. "We wanted the best work from our students and they need an incentive, a grade or credit."

The class is an arranged class, meaning that students decide when they meet with one of three teach-

ers, Ted Goudge, Pat Gross and Jackie Tegen. They learn the tools of the program and personalize their own Web page.

"At the time people wouldn't like it, but it will be helpful in the future," said Melissa Timmerman, an elementary education major enrolled in the course.

The University has agreed to keep all of the students' work on its server two years after their last date of attendance. This information ranges from composition papers to multicultural activities to resumes.

This type of portfolio was designed to aid students in entering the work force, but Ury said its benefits go beyond resumes.

"It's a living document that will change as the student changes," Ury said. "What they put in there is not as important as why."

Whether the electronic portfolio class will be implemented into all freshman seminar classes, or will be a class of its own, is still undecided. Because this type of portfolio does not benefit all fields, Ury is looking at departmentalization as well.

"We are still trying to work out the logistics of it," Ury said. "The assessment process — who will do it, when, how and why?"

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CBS show survives second go-round

By LAURA PEARL
CHIEF REPORTER

Sunday found 43.6 million television viewers tuning into CBS after the Super Bowl and 16 survivors heading "down under" to weather the wilds of Australia.

According to Nielsen Media Research data, "Survivor: The Australian Outback," attracted a larger viewership than any one episode of the original "Survivor," except the series finale Aug. 23.

Sixteen everyday American contestants are braving the Australian wilderness in the follow-up series to "Survivor." The last remaining castaway will receive \$1 million.

The new series began with the contestants being separated into two tribes and flown into the Australian outback, where host Jeff Probst explained the rules to them.

The teams, Kucha and Ogakor, had five minutes to dig through two crates placed at the end of the airstrip. Each survivor grabbed items to aid in upcoming struggles, and then the teams headed in opposite directions.

A five-mile hike led the teams to their final destinations, colored flags placed on remote pieces of land in the Australian wilderness. During the hike, personalities began to flare as well.

Debb Eaton, a 45-year-old corrections officer from New Hampshire, emerged as a dominant personality in the Kucha tribe, creating division and sparking resentment in fellow tribe members.

As the Kucha tribe struggled to read the map leading them to their survival station and then struggled to build a fire for warmth and cooking purposes, the division increased.

Meanwhile, the Ogakor tribe arrived with little trouble to their flagged location but also struggled to build a fire.

On day two, Probst invited both tribes to Challenge Beach for their first challenge. The teams had to navigate through various obstacles, including maneuvering a makeshift raft across a river, while keeping a torch lit.

Kucha tribe's division destroyed their hopes for winning the challenge, and as the group tumbled into the river, torch and all, Ogakor finished the course.

As a reward, Ogakor tribe members earned matches and immunity, which relieved them from having to go to the first Tribal Council.

However, Kucha members traveled to Tribal Council on day 3, and here they faced their biggest challenge yet—voting out one member.

Kucha tribe members made their preference clear, voting out fellow member Debb Eaton 7 to 1. Meanwhile, Ogakor tribe members celebrated warmth and a temporary security.

However, a long road lies ahead for the two tribes, isolated from the ease and comforts of American life, and the wilderness will continue to pose mental and physical challenges for tribe members.

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The Missourian takes a fantasy look at how Northwest and Maryville personalities might fare in the Outback — not the World Famous one

THE BOBBY TRIBE: MEL TJEERDSMA, KEN WHITE, KEVIN BUTERBAUGH, SOREN WOHLERS, ANNELIE WEYMUTH, BOBBY BEARCAT

THE TOWNIES TRIBE: CHUCK LLITERAS, KEITH WOOD, CLARA BURSON, JACKIE LANCASTER, KEITH NOWLAND, JOHN YATES

Strong suit: Can go a long time without eating and is tolerant of almost anything. Developed strong athletic background while growing up in South Dakota, can adapt easily to temperatures and changes in weather.

May get into trouble: When he doesn't like the call. He has a tendency to be too frank with others, telling things the way he sees them.

Strong suit: Has ability to kiss up to other members of the tribe. He'll try to figure out who has the most important skills and attempt to please.

May get into trouble: Because he grew up in the city and knows little about survival, holding the rest of the tribe back during challenges.



■ Mel Tjeerdsma
Coach

Strong suit: Doesn't have a problem with eating bugs; he's traveled and become familiar with varied parts of the world and he's diplomatic. He even lived off a bike for an entire month.

May get into trouble: This perfectionist lives by the words "my way or no way." He can be a loner and is willing to stab others in the back in order to obtain the prize.



■ Ken White
Vice President
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Strong suit: Great with people, after all he lives with five roommates. He enjoys adventures like camping and hiking, and he's a former cross country runner.

May get into trouble: Something as simple as the television cameras may affect his performance.



Strong suit: Can plan strategically. She has camping experience, a sense of humor and the rest of the tribe will respect her cooking abilities.

May get into trouble: Being away from civilization for too long will take a toll on her.



■ Annelie Weymuth
Executive
assistant

Strong suit: Can fight with the best of mafios. Known to beat up on gorillas and bulldogs, he'll do whatever it takes to win.

May get into trouble: He's fearless.



■ Bobby Bearcat
Mascot

Strong suit: Enjoys adventure and competition, physically fit, has athletic background.

May get into trouble: Would refuse challenge of crossing snake-infested field at Mozingo.

Strong suit: Knowledge of wild berries, herbs and spices as a source of food. Teaching four hours of food classes each day, she's a team player.

May get into trouble: With a fear of water, she wouldn't be able to help her tribe if they had to swim across Colden Pond.

Strong suit: He's humble, will eat anything, has the ability to organize and offers a sense of humor.

May get into trouble: Trying to accommodate for his short span of attention, sense of humor may annoy other members of the tribe.

Strong suit: Knows his survival skills and tactics from experience during Army days.

May get into trouble: Sitting through the film "Dude, Where's My Car?" at the Hangar would test short level of patience.

Strong suit: Does well with problem-solving situations. Works hard to build relationships. Contestants may overhear him say, "Can't we all just get along?"

May get into trouble: Chasing a PT Cruiser through the Northwest campus would test his fitness.

Strong suit: Has knowledge of first aid and good at sucking up to people. She will act as a caretaker and help nurture the tribe.

May get into trouble: Lacks some survival skills and has a fear of snakes and rats, she won't be building the fires.

Strong suit: Enjoys adventure and competition, physically fit, has athletic background.

May get into trouble: Would refuse challenge of crossing snake-infested field at Mozingo.



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Maryville wrestling feature



The 12 members of the varsity wrestling team will go for their 17th district championship Saturday at Maryville High School, last year they came up short placing second but look to regain the title this year. Head coach Joe Drake has won a total of 16 district titles and 14 conference championships in the 27 years he has been coaching.

PHOTO BY JOHN PETROVIC/PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR

Decades of district dominance

By BRENT C. WAGNER
COMMUNITY SPORTS EDITOR

The blood, sweat and tears continue to flow from the Maryville High School wrestling practice facility.

But all the pain has transformed into cheers of triumph as the 'Hounds' hard work has paid off, having won 16 district titles in the last 27 years under head coach Joe Drake.

The 'Hounds' came up short last year, but will again look to retain the district crown Saturday at home. Maryville has been runner-up five of the 27 years, meaning in 21 of 27 years the 'Hounds' have been among the top two teams in the field.

Drake inherited a successful program for the 1974-75 season. Former head Lonnie Wieland led the 'Hounds' from 1968-1974, including back-to-back state titles in 1971-72.

Drake has worked hard and kept the dynasty alive.

Along with the 16 district titles, he has won 14 conference champion-

ships based on their conference dual record. Drake's squads have been successful in dual action over the years. In 1995, Drake was honored for winning his 200th dual.

The success has traveled on to the state championship. In 1985, Maryville was crowned state runner-up. There have been four fourth-place finishes and numerous top 10 spots over the years.

Drake has qualified 150 young men for the state meet, placing 54 of those while crowning 12 state champions.

Drake takes a lot of pride in the district meet and titles.

"It's one of things we set as a goal early on," Drake said. "The big thing is, we know we have to win at districts to get into sectional and on to state."

Through the season and into the postseason, Drake preaches it's all about the team in this individual sport.

"Each year since I've been here we've approached it that we want ev-

ery individual to perform well," Drake said. "If we can take care of that aspect then the team does well."

Drake won't take much of the credit for the team's success or reflect on personal accomplishments, he has only tried to lead his team.

"Wrestling takes a unique individual because it is one-on-one, you're out there alone," Drake said. "You're out there and go as hard as you can for six minutes and hope you've learned enough to be successful."

Drake's grapplers are fond of their mentor and his record.

"He knows and can teach you a lot about wrestling," senior Mitch Herring said. "He teaches you not to be nervous and don't look at stats, just go out and wrestle. He's a good coach and a good guy to be around. He's just not a good coach to us, but a friend, too."

Herring said the district title takes top priority for him and his team-

mates.

"It's expected for us to win. That's in our mentality that we have to go out and win districts," Herring said.

"We put that in our mind and work that much harder because we want to win. That's the tradition of Maryville High School. It's a long tradition to win districts and hopefully we can carry that out."

Drake's wrestlers have enjoyed a 70 percent winning percentage over the years along with the other honors, but Drake continues to pass the praise on to his wrestlers.

"Those are the boys' accomplishments," Drake said. "I didn't get to wrestle one of those matches during the 27 years. The boys have done a great job. I've just been along for the ride."

It has been a great ride for Drake, and his grapplers, who hope to be celebrating their 17th district championship Saturday night.

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Northwest women's basketball

Women's four-game streak stopped with loss

By BILL KNUST
UNIVERSITY SPORTS EDITOR

The Northwest women's basketball team's winning streak came to a crashing halt Wednesday night.

The No. 5-ranked Emporia State Hornets, 17-1 overall and 9-1 in the MIAA, ended the Bearcats four-game winning streak with a 104-48 victory.

The ladies will not have long to worry about the loss though with a big game against Pittsburg State looming on the horizon.

The Bearcats will face Pittsburg State at 5:45 p.m. Saturday at Pittsburg State.

Northwest will try to avenge a loss to Pitt State earlier in the year. The game was a tough one for the Bearcats because they led most of the game, only to see the Lady Gorillas come back in the second half.

The Bearcats were hampered by fouls. Northwest had four players foul out while Pitt State had no players foul out.

"I think everyone on the team thought we should have won," head coach Gene Steinmeyer said. "We missed a last second shot, committed 13 more fouls than they did and had four players foul out."

Northwest has some positives going for them entering the game with Pittsburg State. The team won four of its last five games, moving into sixth place in the conference.

The team has also gotten all-around production from every player. Against Missouri Southern Saturday, the Bearcats had all five starters score in double figures. Freshman Tanesha Fields led the Bearcats with 18 points, and she was 4-for-4 from behind the three-point line.

Junior center Kristin Anderson said the team is starting to gel together.

"We're all getting a lot more confidence out there," Anderson said. "I think our defense leads to a lot of our offense. When we get some steals and have tough defensive pressure, we score a lot more. We just have to look for each other, and it is a key to get more balanced scoring."

Anderson said for the Bearcats to be successful they have to come in with confidence.

"We need to go down there and take care of business because it is definitely a game we can win and should win," Anderson said. "Last time we had trouble with fouls, but I think this time we need to come in with confidence and get a win."

Confidence might be hard to muster following the 56-point loss. Northwest led once in the game, 2-0, on Anderson's lay-up to open the game.

Stealing the words of ESPN College GameDay anchor Chris Fowler, Steinmeyer said his team was taken behind the woodshed in the loss during his radio postgame show.

"When they got everybody playing they are one of the best in the nation," Steinmeyer said.

Fields led the Bearcats with 11 points and junior guard Jessica Miller finished with nine points.

Maryville boys' basketball

'Hounds defeat Platte County 61-31, gearing up to face Smithville Friday

By BRENT C. WAGNER
COMMUNITY SPORTS EDITOR

The Maryville Spoofhounds boys' basketball team is in the thick of a conference title run that has started on a positive note.

The team currently sports a 13-6 record and is 2-0 in the Midland Empire Conference.

The 'Hounds will look to improve on that mark playing host to Smithville at 8 p.m. Friday in Maryville.

Head coach Mike Kuwitzky said if tradition repeats itself, the battle with the Warriors should be hot.

"They're a solid program year in and year out," Kuwitzky said. "They have some great athletes, some real bangers and scorers, and I expect it to be a physical game."

The Spoofhounds will take the weekend off before traveling to play Chillicothe at 8 p.m. Monday.

Maryville dropped the Hornets Jan. 19, 51-36.

"We know going there on a Monday, it's going to be a real tough ball game for us," Kuwitzky said. "We have to be ready to play. If we go ready to play I think we can play with most people."

The 'Hounds are hunting for a conference title and Kuwitzky thinks his team is up to the challenge.

"We have got a good chance at it, but we have to have people step up and score and continue to play great defense," Kuwitzky said.

Maryville took it to Platte County Tuesday 61-31.

The 'Hounds jumped all over the Pirates 18-5 in the first quarter and never looked back in the 61-31 rout.

Kuwitzky could not have been happier about the performance.

"We came out really hard and everybody played well," Kuwitzky said. "It was a really outstanding effort on the part of our boys."

Maryville posted a balanced scoring attack led by junior guard Joey Wilmes' 15 points. Senior guard Cody Burch and senior post Jon Akins chipped in 10 points each in the winning effort.

Kuwitzky was pleased with the 'Hounds' attack.

"It was a nice balance," Kuwitzky said. "The nice thing that happened was Joey Wilmes got 15 points in his first varsity start, so he really responded well for us."

Things did not go quite as well when Maryville ventured to the Cornhusker state Thursday. The 'Hounds were held to 17 first-half points in the 53-36 loss.

Kuwitzky said Maryville left their 'A' game in Missouri when they crossed the border.

"That wasn't one of our better games," Kuwitzky said. "We ran into a real good Auburn team that was fired up and ready to play. We were flat that night and didn't have one of our better games."

Akins led in the losing effort with 16 points, while Burch aided with 11 points.

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PHOTO BY JOHN PETROVIC/PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR
Senior guard Joe Price drives baseline against Missouri Southern opponent Eddin Santiago during last Saturday's 67-64 win in Bearcat Arena. Price finished the night with nine points and three assists in 25 minutes of play. Next up for the Bearcats is a road game Saturday against Pittsburg State tipping off at 7:45 p.m.

close the lead to two at 6-4.

Murray led all scorers with 23 points and kept the Hornets close for the whole game.

The Bearcats were led by Fleming's 14 points and senior forward Joel Taylor chipped in 11 points as did Taylor and Jeter finished with eight.

The Hornets had the lead twice early in the game at 12-11 and 14-13.

Northwest held a two-point lead at halftime and never trailed the rest of the game, following a 4-0 run capped off by junior center Matt Rowan's dunk. The dunk made the lead 44-39.

Rowan finished the game with nine points.

Emporia State junior forward Chad Tegtmeyer pulled the Hornets within eight.

Tegtmeyer scored 12 points, all coming on three-pointers. Junior guard Shawn Kinder pulled the Hornets to within eight, 68-60, on a lay-up with 1:04 to go.

That would be all the Hornets scored as the Bearcats added two more free throws.

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Freshman Joe Drake tries to escape a hold during his match in the Quad State Classic Saturday at Maryville High School. Maryville finished seventh, scoring 87 points, while Bedford, Iowa claimed the title. The 'Hounds had a total of five grapplers place with four placing second. The 'Hounds will compete in districts starting at 10 a.m. Saturday at Maryville High School.

Maryville wrestling

Districts next for grapplers

'Hounds place 7th out of 9 in Quad State Classic Tourney

By BRENT C. WAGNER
COMMUNITY SPORTS EDITOR

The hundreds of hours of practice, training and battling it out on the mats in head-to-head competition will be on the line as the Maryville wrestling team competes in the district meet Saturday.

The meet will kick off at 10 a.m. Saturday at Maryville High School with quarter final action.

Admission for the entire day and its five rounds is \$4.

Maryville is the only school in the nine-team field that is not a member of the Grand River conference. District teams include Maysville, South Harrison, South Holt, Albany, Rockport, Gallatin, Tarkio and Stanberry.

The Spoofhounds have set their sights on regaining the title of top team in the district. The 'Hounds finished second last year after winning five straight titles. Maysville is the defending district champion, and Maryville head coach Joe Drake said the Wolverines are favored to win again this season.

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JOE DRAKE
MARYVILLE WRESTLING HEAD COACH

to attain as Maryville will be open at 215 and 275, along with having several freshmen enter the line-up due to injuries.

Drake has faith in his freshman though.

"Those boys have been wrestling extremely hard," Drake said. "They work hard, but it's a big step from junior varsity to varsity as a freshman."

To advance to next week's sectional meet in Maryville, the grapplers have to place among the top four in their weight classes.

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JOE DRAKE
MARYVILLE WRESTLING HEAD COACH

Senior Mitch Herring (189) hopes the 'Hounds can rebound from a disappointing last few meets, to take top honors.

"Hopefully we can come together and come out on top," Herring said. "We have a good possibility of winning if everybody wrestles up to their potential."

The 'Hounds' goal will be tough

Drake said the 'Hounds have several chances to advance grapplers to sectionals.

The 'Hounds hosted played host to the nine-team Quad State Classic Saturday featuring teams from Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska and Kansas. Maryville finished seventh, scoring 87 points, while Bedford, Iowa, claimed the team title.

The 'Hounds fared well having four underclassmen wrestlers advance to championship matches.

Freshman Jonathan Hanna (103), sophomore Derek Merrill (112), sophomore Evan Dursey (152) and junior Jake Lancaster (160) all finished second.

Sophomore Greg Pearson placed fourth

"The ones that placed had a very good day," Drake said. "It's a tough tournament in every weight class."

Maryville dropped their final conference duel of the season 48-30 to Smithville Thursday. The Spoofhounds finished with a conference dual mark of 5-5.

The 'Hounds got hot early with pins from Hanna (103), Joe Drake (119), Josh Wilson (125) and Brandon Hull (130) to take the 30-0 win five matches into the bout.

Maryville was then shut out by the Warriors, being pinned five times, dropping two decisions and forfeiting twice to lose 48-30.

"We knew what we had to do to win," Herring said. "We came out good, we just fell apart."

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Northwest indoor track and field

Tracksters compete at Jayhawk Invite

By JUSTIN BUSH
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Records were broken and times dwindled for the Northwest men's and women's track teams last week at the Nebraska Wesleyan Invitational.

Freshman Conrad Woolsey broke the school shot put record set by his brother, senior Tucker Woolsey, with a throw of 54-feet, 8 1/2 inches.

But his glory was short lived as Tucker came right back and regained the record with a toss of 54-feet, 9 1/2 inches on his next attempt.

Tucker enjoys having his brother for competition.

"I think we both push each other," Tucker Woolsey said. "He has taught me a lot, and he is a better thrower than me technique-wise. I am just a little stronger right now."

Sophomores Mark Stewart and Joel Terry finished first and second, respectively, in the 55-meter hurdles. Stewart finished first in 7.69 seconds, and Terry finished right on his heels at 7.70 seconds. Both times were provisionally qualifying marks.

Senior Jill Eppenbaugh won the

shot put and the weight throw. Eppenbaugh walked away victorious with a heave of 40-feet, 6 inches in the shot and a throw of 50-feet, 10 inches in the weight throw which also provisionally qualified her in the event.

"I was much more relaxed this week after the big meet in Iowa last week," Eppenbaugh said. "This was a smaller meet, and it made it much easier for me to focus."

Sophomore Jenny Simmons qualified for nationals in the pole vault after clearing the bar set at 10-feet, 10 inches to raise her season best by four inches.

The two teams will travel to Lawrence, Kan., Friday to compete in the Jayhawk Invitational.

"This meet there will be a bunch of junior colleges, NAIA schools, Division-IIIs and only a handful of D-I schools there."

Alsop said the meet will give the 'Cats a good look at a lot of the conference teams.

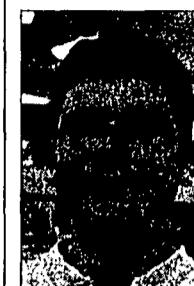
"We are just going to try and improve our techniques and continue to challenge for the conference title," Alsop said.

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Are you looking forward to the XFL football league?

Do you think it will succeed?



"I think it will succeed if Vince McMahon is able to bring over his creativity from the WWF to the football field."

Rob Beavers
computer science major



"Yeah, I think it'll do good because most guys like football and a lot of guys like wrestling."

Brad Weaver
management information systems major



"Yes, I think it'll be interesting because it will be rougher than the NFL."

Carmen Mosley
accounting major



"I think it sounds good—football with less rules—hardcore sounds good."

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ON THE SIDELINES

Hound boys could go far



BRENT C. WAGNER

COMMUNITY SPORTS EDITOR

On Jan. 21 this sports writer ventured off to the Maryville High School gymnasium to take in an early evening boys' basketball pre-conference season clash between Maryville and Chillicothe.

The 'Hounds got in a groove to begin the second half and cruised to the 51-6 victory.

The night drummed up memories of high school basketball nights of my own.

Sure it was a little bit of a culture shock since I come from a larger Nebraska high school, but I still had a good time.

So many of my high school memories encompass the total basketball night experience.

The team, the fans, the band, the spirit squads and the popcorn, the sights and sounds of a whole town converging on one location, yearning to cheer their team on to victory, all makes for life-long memories.

The Maryville team has the makings to work through adversity and become a team to contend with as the Midland Empire Conference season heats up.

This school and town already have the makings for a great crowd and basketball atmosphere, but things could get a little better and really make Maryville a place opposing teams do not want to see on their schedule.

The Maryville pep band did a nice job pumping up the team and crowd

with pre-game tunes and the fight song. But why not stick around for the entire game as a band.

In a tight game I'm sure the team and crowd would love to here that fight song in the fourth quarter. Stick around and strike up the band.

The cheerleaders do some great cheers and stunts. Come on everybody, 'Up with M-H-S.'

The 12 members of the dance team did a great job entertaining the crowd with some great dancing. But I thought it was a little tacky that after their show was over a few of the ladies headed for the exits.

Stick around and support your team. That Friday night date can wait a half-hour longer.

Yeah, I know my girlfriend was the dance captain it takes you longer than the guys to get ready but keep cheering your team on and you might be dancing in Columbia at the state tourney.

The 'Hounds are riding a 13-6 record as well as 2-0 mark in the conference. They are not a great ball club right now, but they have the tools, weapons and attitude to make a nice run in the second half of the season.

They lost standout senior post Zach Morley to a knee injury, but they still have some good players.

Cody Burch is a senior guard and a winner who can shoot the ball and lead the team.

Seniors Eric Goudge and Jon Atkins can also be a tenacious tandem in the paint for the 'Hounds.

Senior guard Mark Lewis came off the bench versus Chillicothe following an injury to senior guard Steve Morrison and played well.

Lewis looks like a small Pete Marinovich, and a few of his skills reminded me of a young John Stockton.

He only had two points but played tough defense and threw hard passes

in all the right places.

This team doesn't take the hardware with wins wrapped up. They simply do a lot of the little things right to win ball games.

They're a clean-cut, strong, unselfish team. This is a team; there are no individuals on the floor and no egos that come with individual players, and that's part of what it takes to win in a tough conference.

The 'Hounds have something else really special going for them this season.

The varsity lineup has eight of 14 players expecting a 2001 diploma. These guys have experience and should be awfully hungry when district and sectional action rolls around. It's now or never boys.

Head coach Mike Kuwitzky might be hesitant when the 2001-02 season rolls around next winter but he has got to love the senior leadership and experience putting on the green and white this year.

The 'Hounds aren't all gods gift to athletics, but they do the little things to win.

They play tenacious in-your-face defense and force turnovers, while taking care of the ball themselves.

They have been known to do a nice job on the glass, and put on an exhibition from the free throw line.

True, they could snare in a few more rebounds and drop some more jump shots, but these guys dive for loose balls, play with pride, and take a winning attitude to the hardwood.

Sometimes that will take you further than a team of stars, and I wish them luck in the remaining season, two months that could be very bright for the Spoofhounds.

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FAN PLAN

Home games

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Northwest Men's basketball		at Pittsburg State 7:45 p.m.		Southwest Baptist 7:30 p.m.		Central Missouri State 7:30 p.m.
Northwest Women's basketball		at Pittsburg State 5:45 p.m.		Southwest Baptist 5:30 p.m.		Central Missouri State 5:30 p.m.
Northwest Indoor track		at Relays				
Maryville Boys' basketball		at Smithville 8 p.m.		at Chillicothe 8 p.m.		
Maryville Girls' basketball	at Smithville 8 p.m.			Chillicothe 8 p.m.		
Maryville Wrestling		District Tournament				

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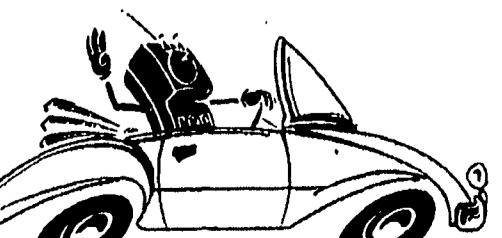
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PLAYERS OF THE WEEK



Tucker Woolsey

Woolsey, a senior thrower, set the school record in the shot put last weekend. Woolsey's throw, at the Nebraska Wesleyan Invitational, was 54-feet, 9 and 1/2 inches.



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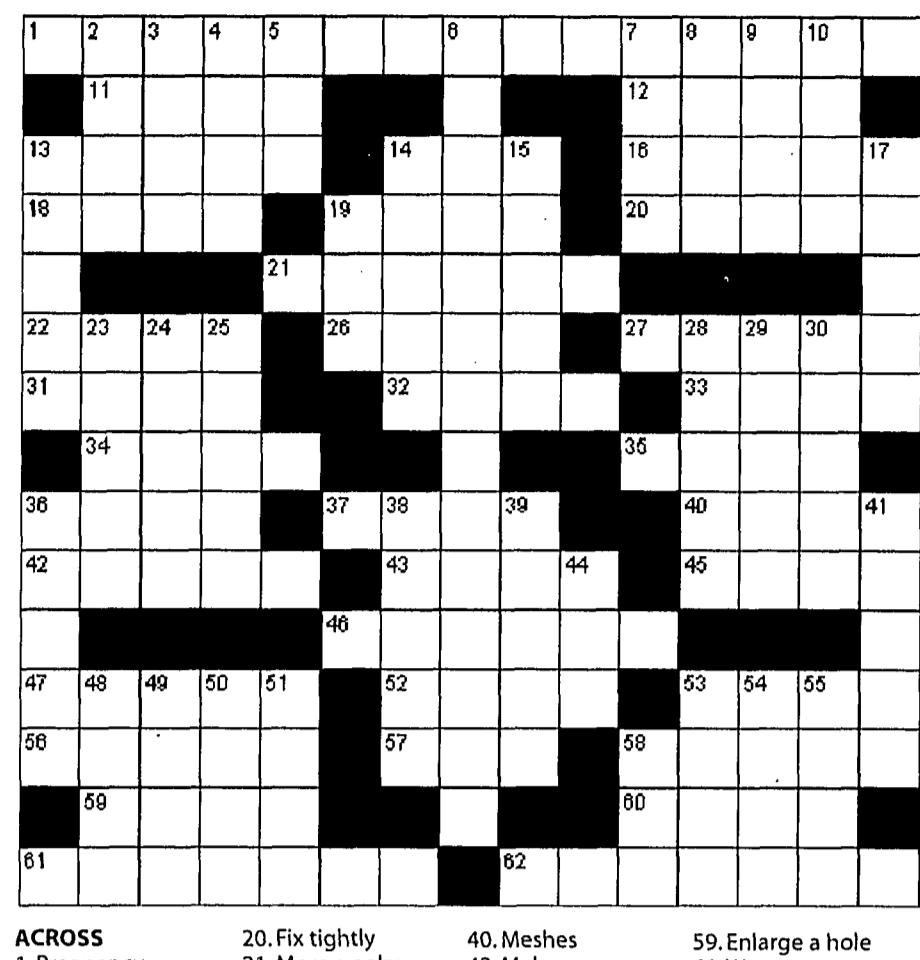
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Answers to the
crossword can be
found on page 7A.

SPORTS IN SHORT

Open gym to take place
throughout February

The Maryville Parks and Recreation Department and the Maryville School District will be conducting an open gym eight Sunday afternoons this winter.

The program will take place at the Maryville High School gymnasium for students in or above the fifth grade from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

The open gyms will take place Feb. 4, 11, 18 and 25. A \$2 per day participant fee will be charged at the door.

Rickenbrode fundraiser
meeting on Saturday

A meeting will take place Saturday morning to discuss fundraising ideas for Rickenbrode Stadium.

The meeting is closed to the public. People who are interested in helping the committee with the fundraising campaign can contact Lance Burchett at 562-1248.

Bearcat football banquet
set for Sunday night

The Northwest football team will hold its annual awards banquet Sunday. The event will take place at 6 p.m. in the J.W. Jones Student Union Ballroom.

Limited seating is available to the general public. Tickets may be purchased at the door for \$12. Call 660-562-1713 or 660-562-1311 to make reservations.

Baseball day camps at
Northwest this month

The Northwest baseball program will play host to three day camps and clinics this February. There will be a baseball

coaches clinic on Feb. 3. A pitcher/catcher camp will take place Feb. 10, followed by the hitters camp on Feb. 11.

For more information, contact the Northwest baseball office at 562-1352 or 562-1713.

Bearcats spring signing
period begins Wednesday

The period to sign athletes to scholarships for football begins next Wednesday.

Look for the Northwest Missourian's full coverage on recruits signed by the Bearcats on 1B next week.

Schottenheimer to face
Chiefs in preseason

Ex-Chiefs coach Marty Schottenheimer will make his coaching debut in familiar territory.

The Chiefs first preseason game will take place against Schottenheimer.

Lade, a senior guard, scored 16 points, grabbed three rebounds and dished out two assists in a 53-50 loss to Savannah last Friday. Lade averages 11.4 points per game and leads the team in assists and steals.



Dana Lade

Wanderer protests singers

With Groundhog Day Friday, Your Man is thankful that Puxatonic Phil isn't from Maryville. With the way the snow and ice is removed from area streets, Phil wouldn't even consider leaving his den for a moment of glory. With any luck, however, Phil will venture out into the icy tundra Friday and let the world know how long winter will last.

To go along with this national day of anticipation, Your Man would like to offer a few predictions based upon Phil's actions. Assuming Phil sees his shadow, not only will winter last six weeks longer, but the Maryville Department of Public Works will take six more weeks to make the roads safe for driving.

If the world is lucky enough and Phil doesn't see his shadow, winter will be six weeks shorter, the roads will clear by themselves (which will probably happen either way), and all music majors at Northwest will have to stop singing in class.

What? You don't believe winter will be shorter? You say you don't believe in such myths? Your Man doesn't either; there is no force on this planet that can keep annoying people from singing. What is it that makes people want to sing? I can



THE STROLLER

see singing in the shower or in your car when you are the only one who can hear yourself. You can even think you're good, but when this activity carries over into Your Man's daily life on campus, something needs to change.

When I say daily life on campus, I don't even mean in the Student Union or in the library or, if I had the stomach to handle it, the Fine Arts Building. No, I am talking about my gen. ed. classroom and the computer lab, my places, the places that are supposed to be pollution free.

Now I am sure all of the giddy music majors are really bummed out. They will probably pick up their little cell phones and call home to

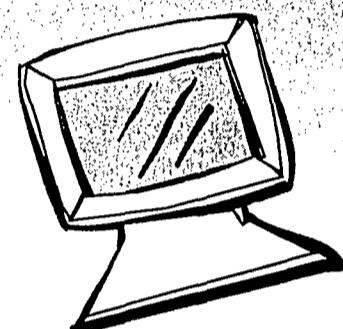
Mommy and Daddy complaining that someone doesn't like to hear them sing. Mommy and Daddy always said they had a great voice. That's called humoring, kids. That's when the folks just don't want to listen to you anymore and tell you that you're great. In other words, they didn't mean it.

I suppose that grouping you all together based on major probably isn't fair. There might be a small group of you that can sing or play an instrument, but the rest of the major ruined it for you, sorry. You will have the last laugh, though. They will be teaching choir to sixth graders while those with Northwest talent will hit the big time in the St. Joseph Symphony.

So let's all group together Friday and do something good for Northwest. Given the weather lately, it's pretty likely Phil will see his shadow, and since Your Man isn't much of a betting man, let's just make a new rule. Anytime someone disrupts your educational experience, be it through song or general frolicking, put a stop to it. You have Your Man's permission.

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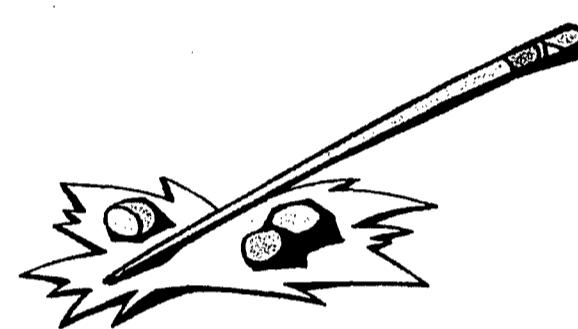


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